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A New-Year DOCKET to the Pennſylvania Chronicle.

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TO all and ſingular his patrons,
Grave ſenators---or pious matrons,
Sage lawyers, preachers, or phyſicians,
All ages, ſexes, and conditions;
To all who join in FREEDOM's creed,
And bid the CHRONICLE God-ſpeed;

The printer's Boy (whom wags uncivil
Are wont to call the printer's devil,
But whom the ſons of PHOEBUS name
A winged meſſenger of FAME)
The printer's boy patroles the ſtreets,
And thus your honors humbly greets
With "bleſs you, ſir, and bleſs you, madam!
"I'd ſpend my ſix pence, if I had 'em,
"In home-brew'd *ale both ſtout and ſtrong,*
"To drink your health and crown my ſong
"With honeſt wiſhes that you may
"See many a happy NEW-YEAR DAY."

Nor does he boaſt of little *things.*---
The fate of Emperors and Kings,
The riſe and fall of mighty nations,
With Parliamentary Orations,
And many a coffee-houſe debate
About affairs---in church and ſtate,
Learned eſſays in verſe and proſe,
(For which his thanks the printer owes)
With anecdotes---both new and old
And every thing that ſhou'd *be told*
To pleaſe and gratify your taſte,
You here may find in order plac'd;
The marriage---*or the* birth *of princes,*
The ſale of calicoes and chintſes,
Whatever may be learnt by travel,
Who has the gout, and who the gravel,
Who died laſt week, what pairs were carried
To church or meeting to be married,
The various changes in the ſky
From hot to cold, from wet to dry,
From ſummer-rains to winter-ſnows,
With every ſhifting wind that blows;
All this, on every monday's *morn,*
That eagle Fame (a goddeſs born!
Who makes the CHRONICLE her wings)
To all your windows duly brings.

"Then---bleſs you, ſir, and bleſs you, madam!
"I'd ſpend my nine *pence,---if I had 'em,*
"In home-brew'd *ale, both ſtout and ſtrong,*
"To drink your health, and crown my ſong
"With hearty *wiſhes that you may*
"See many a happy NEW-YEAR DAY!".

MEMORANDUM.

A Man's *firſt Care* ſhould be to avoid the reproaches of his own heart; his *next*, to eſcape the cenſures of the World. If the laſt interferes with the former, it ought to be entirely neglected; but otherways there cannot be a greater ſatiſfaction to an honeſt Mind [whoſe Body is not rebellious] than to ſee that approbation, which it gives itſelf, ſeconded by the applauſes of the public. A man is more *ſure* of his conduct, when the verdict which he paſſes upon his own behaviour, is warranted and confirmed by all that know him, better than he knows himſelf, to be. G. H.

To OLD ENGLAND.

CHARITY (your own proverb ſays) *begins at home.* Why ſhould you expect us to have more concern for your poor than you have? If you want our help in maintaining them, as heretofore, you know how it may be had. The means are in your hands. You know you got all from us, by trade, that we could poſſibly ſpare, and kept us, beſides, continually in your debt. What would you, what can you have more?

The preſent ſituation of the colonies ſeems ſimilar to that of the cows in the fable. Forbidden to ſuckle their own calves, and daily drawn dry, they yet parted with their milk willingly; but when moreover a tax came to be demanded of them (and that too to be paid in graſs, of which they had already too ſhort a proviſion) it was no wonder they thought their maſters unreaſonable, and reſolved, for the future, to ſuck one another.

I hate neither England nor Engliſhmen. Though my anceſtors were driven (by miſtaken oppreſſion of former times) out of this happy country, and ſuffered all the hardſhips of an American wilderneſs, I retain no reſentment on that account. I wiſh proſperity to the nation. I honour, eſteem, and love its people. I only hate calumniators on either ſide the water, who would (for the little dirty purpoſes of faction) ſet brother againſt brother, turn friends into enemies, and ruin an empire, by dividing it---writers whoſe invectives are diſapproved by all people of underſtanding and moderation in both old and NEW-ENGLAND.

LONDON, Nov. 7.

Private contributions have been raiſed among ſome gentlemen in Scotland, in behalf of Paoli, and a preſent of 32 pieces of ordnance has been actually ſent from thence to Corſica, at the expence of the ſubſcribers.

Nov. 9. A few days ago the ſcholars of a very great ſchool, about 20 miles from London, having taken offence at ſomething, ſuddenly left the ſchool, in number about 200, and marched in regular order towards London; when they arrived at M--- head, they went and regaled themſelves at an inn that night. In the morning they collected all the money each was poſſeſſed of, which amounted among them all to 60l. the reckoning was 55l. this they diſcharged, and proceeded quietly to London; where they parted, each going to his parents or friends.

We hear for certain, that if the brave Corſicans can hold out till ſpring, more than one powerful nation will effectually interfere in their favour; ſeveral overtures of too delicate a nature for the public eye at preſent are now actually on the carpet for that purpoſe.

The turnkey of a certain priſon, has, it is ſaid, been diſmiſſed from his place, for having behaved with too much civility to a celebrated gentleman now confined therein.

Laſt week died at Petworth, in Suſſex, one Mary Preſcott, aged 105, who had bore 37 children, moſt of whom are now living in good credit. Her death was occaſioned at laſt by a cancer in her breaſt.

'Tis ſaid an accommodation is actually on the carpet between the Corſicans and French, who are to enjoy a free and excluſive trade with thoſe iſlanders, which, by the intercourſe of traffic, will, in the end, reconcile them to the manners, modes, and police of the Gallic nation. This is a more feaſible plan of conqueſt than all their unſucceſsful attempts by the ſword.

A Proclamation, it is ſaid, is reſolved on, and will ſoon appear againſt an Aſſembly convened beyond the Atlantic.

A letter from a gentleman of ſome diſtinction in Paris, to a worthy baronet in London, ſays, "As to politics, it is talked of pretty poſitively here, that the famous Pitt that was, and the duke of Grafton will have a war. It is not the deſire of this court, I am ſure, that it ſhould happen, and I believe it to be the wiſh of the multitude here, that all the evils of the war may fall on thoſe who ſhall occaſion it.

BOSTON, Jan. 2, 1769.

Notwithſtanding it has been induſtriouſly reported, by ſome perſons concerned in the manufactures at home, that the merchants at New-York had, contrary to their agreement, given orders for goods; we can aſſure the public, by authentic advices received from thence, that the merchants there, who ſubſcribed the agreement, by which they reſtricted themſelves from importing goods from Great-Britain, will ſtrictly adhere to the ſame, and that there is not any reaſon to apprehend that any of the few, who refuſed to ſubſcribe, will order any goods. And we can alſo aſſure the public, that we have the greateſt reaſon to believe that the merchants of this place will likewiſe ſteadily adhere to their agreement for the like purpoſe.

Commodore Hood has been pleaſed to appoint the rev. John Troutbeck (one of the miniſters of the King's chapel here) chaplain of the Roſe man of war of 20 guns.

By Capt. Cooke, who arrived at Providence a few days ago, from St. Lucar in Spain, we learn, that about the firſt of September laſt, part of the city of Bourdeaux, was entirely deſtroyed, by a ſudden violent guſt of wind, and a great number of Inhabitants buried in the ruins.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1769.

On Wedneſday, December the 28th, 1768, at his ſeat in Morris county, departed this life, Captain Robert Troup, Ætat. 60.---With the fortitude of the hero, he joined the meekneſs, benevolence and compaſſion of the chriſtian.----Warmed with true Britiſh ardour, in the late Wars he ſignalized himſelf in the cauſe of his country, and atchieved victories worthy the cognizance of fame.---A tender and loving huſband, a kind parent, a ſincere friend and an example of ſteady veracity, and diffuſive charity: he finiſhed his courſe lamented by all around him.

His humble ſtone, what few vain marbles can,
May juſtly ſay, HERE LIES AN HONEST MAN. Pope.

Jan. 9. The ſhip Dutcheſs of Gordon, Capt. Winn, is ſafe arrived at London, after a ſhort and pleaſant paſſage. - - The paſſengers have wrote greatly in favour of the ſhip and captain.

Humanity of an abſolute Monarch [the King of Denmark] diſplayed.

THE peaſants of a certain diſtrict complained to his Majeſty of the difficulty they had to ſupport life in the barren region to which they had been conſigned, and entreated permiſſion to migrate to an iſland in the Weſt-Indies, where better proſpects ſeemed to offer. The King peremptorily refuſed their requeſt, and ſent them back deſpairing of redreſs; but they were agreeably diſappointed upon their return home, when they found themſelves, by his Majeſty's order, furniſhed with all the conveniencies and comforts of life; together with ſuch inſtruments of huſbandry, as were proper for cultivating the ſoil. Being encouraged by this bounty, they once more renewed their labours, which proved ſucceſsful, and now they pour forth bleſſings on his head, who (like a true patriot) *forced them, againſt their inclinations, to be happy.*

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 13, 1769.

On Sunday Evening departed this Life, in the 43d Year of her Age, Mrs. HANNAH STURGEON, Wife of the Reverend Mr. Sturgeon.---A Lady, whoſe unaffected Piety, humane, tender and generous Diſpoſition, good Senſe, Affability and Pleaſantneſs, together with many other valuable Qualifications, which ſhe poſſeſſed in a ſuperiour Degree, ſecured her the univerſal Love and Eſteem of all Ranks and Denominations of People.

At a Meeting of the *American Philoſophical Society for promoting uſeful Knowledge*, held at the College in this City, on Monday the 2d Inſtant, we hear the following Officers were elected for the enſuing Year.

Preſident, Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

Vice-Presidents, Dr. Cadwallader, Dr. Bond, Joseph Galloway. *Secretaries*, Charles Thomson, Dr. Smith, Thomas Mifflin, John Ewing. *Curators*, Dr. Kuhn, Dr. Morgan, Lewis Nicola. *Treasurer*, Philip Syng.

By Capt. Albro, from the Bay of Honduras, (which he left the 26th of November) we learn, that the Night before he sailed, a Difference arose between Captain Arpe and his Seamen, in a Ship belonging to Liverpoole, then lying at St. George's Key, when the Captain was stabbed in three different Places, and expired soon afterwards; the Murderers were all secured in Irons, and were to be sent to Jamaica, in order to take their Trials for the same:---Captain Ivory, in a Sloop for this Port, was to sail in a Day or two after him. He left in the Bay the Captains Anderson, Webb, Morris, Dowell, and Rogers, all belonging to New-York.

On Monday Evening last, as Mr. Adam Bitting was returning home from this City, he was called to, and demanded to stop, on turning into the Woods, before the Country Seat of John Ross, Esq; on the Franckfort Road, but by occasioning his Horse to make a sudden Start, and galloping off, he escaped the Danger, without receiving the least Injury either in Person or Property.

To-Morrow, a Court, for the Trial of Negroes, will be held at the Court-House in the City of Philadelphia, for the County of Philadelphia.

Arrivals---At Milford, the Devonshire, Hayman, from Boston; Countess, Chilsholm, from Virginia. Bristol, Walsborough, Rogers, New-England; Albion, Spencer, Maryland. Deal, Dutchess of Gordon, Wynne, New-York. Gravesend, Grant, Scot, New-York.

Bound Out---At Deal, John Galley, Holme; Hanover, Barnet, for Boston; Hanbury, Eaton, Virginia: York, Berton, New-York.

Custom House, Entered In.

Ship Hope, M'Gown, Halifax
Sloop Loyd, Fairey, Halifax
Brig Ann, Albro, Honduras

Outwards.

Brig Shadwell, Williams, Madeira
Brig Rebecca, Willock, Antigua
Brig Nancy, Adamson, Lisbon
Sloop Polly, Wright, South-Carolina

Cleared.

Snow New Molly, Kerlin, Madeira
Ship Crawford, Smith, Cadiz
Brig Charming Peggy, Conyngham, Antigua
Brig Swallow, Brice, Waterford
Ship Admiral Hawke, M'Cadon, Killybegs
Brig Morning Star, Calender, Cork
Brig Georgia Packet, Bridges, Georgia

A poetical Solution is desired of the following

NEW REBUS.

UNTO *the first Letter of merry Word* Fun,
Add a Particle frequently standing for One.
Let a Letter then follow (in regular Train)
The first of a Vice, *Alexander's disdain.*
Conclude with the third or fourth Letter of Glee;
And, after your guessing, perhaps you may see
The Name of an Instrument, used by Boys,
To lessen Mens Sorrows, or heighten their Joys.

Advertisements, Articles of News, entertaining Stories, useful Hints, and other Matter which may be thought proper (or *pleasant*) to circulate in THE PENNY POST, will be thankfully received by the Printer hereof, who intends to publish it thrice a Week, —— on Monday, Wednesdy, and Friday. ——

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